

Today I voted to pass legislation that restores the \$8 billion shortfall in the National Highway Trust Fund (H.R. 6532). I was proud to work with my colleagues on a bipartisan basis to ensure the solvency of our national infrastructure funding mechanism.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of our State leaders in Illinois. Personal grudges and bitter politics are prohibiting the State from passing a capital plan to fix our highways and improve mass transit. The infighting between our Democratic governor and Democratic House threatens to leave more than \$9 billion in both federal highway and mass transit funding on the table. I worked hard with all of my colleagues in the Illinois delegation to secure the largest amount of federal funding for Illinois in the state's history in the last federal transportation bill. Sadly, Springfield is squandering that money. I encourage the General Assembly and Governor Blagojevich to follow the example of Congress and work together to immediately enact a state capital plan to reduce congestion and gas costs for Illinoisans.

You can watch my floor statement [here](#) .